

## “Early Stage Invention Essentials”

Tutorial Abstract: The diagnosis, treatment and management of many medical conditions and disorders has changed dramatically with the introduction of new technologies and patients have benefitted greatly from these improvements. While many inventors, physicians, surgeons, nurses, researchers and scientist have ideas for new techniques or modifications to existing devices and instruments, most want & need to know how to translate their ideas into reality. This session will provide a "how-to" tutorial for participants interested in learning essential steps in developing ideas for new and improved medical products and techniques. Topics include: overview of the medical product innovation and development process, proper documentation of ideas and concepts, patent processes, prototype development, preclinical testing, early stage funding options, clinical testing, regulatory pathways and reimbursement requirements for commercialization.